

## City Council discusses parks projects, summer maintenance

By Charlie Radatz

The Falls City Parks Department will get a new home. During its Mar. 5 meeting, the City Council approved erection by Handley Construction of a new \$32,375 metal building for the department on a concrete pad on South Crook Street south of the Street Department building. It will replace a dilapidated structure at Stanton Lake Park.

The Council approved construction of an underground concrete water storage tank for storage of water draining off the new Splash Pad for kids at Dallas Jones Park, a project of the Lane Leadership group. The storage tank bid was \$51,300, but Councilman Mitch Merz says the city may be able to save \$2,450 built into the bid for hauling off excavated soil. City Administrator Gary Jorn reported that it costs the City about \$15,000 to irrigate the recreation program ballfields, an amount the City hopes to reduce by re-using the water from the Splash Pad.

During his Administrator's Report, Jorn said Froeschl Flooring will be installing new flooring in the Aquatic Park bathhouse building and Herzog will be surfacing expanded parking space prior to the park opening for the summer. The administrator said city crews will be patching potholes in Harlan Street prior to the resurfacing of U.S. Highway 73 in Falls City and between Falls City and U.S. Highway 75 this summer. Other summer work will include replacement of gas mains in a segment of Fulton Street and extension of sanitary sewer lines in Wilson Street.

In her annual report to the City Council, librarian Hope Schawang reported library budget limitations made it difficult to staff the hours the library is open, but she had high praise for full-time staffers Kathy Kirkendall and Allie Bierman and part-time helper Cate Larsen. Over 7,800 books were borrowed, computers received a great deal of use by patrons, and the library was the location of 58 meetings by community groups over the past year.

On 7-0 votes with one councilperson absent, the Council approved a three-year contract

with CPA Julie Bauman to conduct the city audit and a \$20,000 contract with SENDD for an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project. Mayor Jerry Oliver was authorized to sign agreements providing for adoption of the program and the re-use of income received from program participants.

On similar 7-0 votes the Council approved use of streets and parks for an Earth Day Fun Run/Walk Apr. 22, appointment of Joey Koso to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department, a request for no parking on the south side of 10th Street south of South School, appointment of Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring as a director of the MEAN Board of Directors and Gary Jorn as an alternate director, and appointment of Luhring as a representative to MEAN Management and Jorn as an alternate.

By votes of 6-1 with one councilperson absent the Council approved rental of Prichard Auditorium for wedding receptions involving the serving of alcohol Sept. 15 and Oct. 27 and providing favorable comment on Special Designated Liquor Licenses for the Would Eye for those events and another wedding reception on Nov. 17.

Tabled until a later meeting when representatives of Richardson County could attend was a request from the County to have two parking stalls on the north side of the courthouse designated for the use by law enforcement officers.

## Richardson and Nemaha Cos. cooperate on weed control

By Charlie Radatz

Richardson County Commissioners during their Mar. 6 meeting voted to enter into an agreement with Nemaha County to share services for noxious weed control.

Commissioners voted to approve a subdivision in Section 34, Township 3, Range 14 for the Collins Family Trust, Michael and Heidi Musil, and Robert and Tamara Musil.

They also approved weekly claims and accepted and approved Fee reports for February from County Clerk and Register of Deeds Mary Eickhoff, and Clerk of District Court Pam Scott. Clerk Fees totaled \$86.36, Register Fees \$12,337.00, and Clerk of District Court Fees \$618.00.

Sheriff Don Pounds updated Commissioners on business in the Sheriff's Department and operation of the County Jail. Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. was unable to meet with Commissioners as he continued to participate in a training seminar.



## Irish boys cut down nets at Pinnacle Bank

Photos and Story Brian McKim

On Sat. night the number one seed Irish (24-3) took on the number two seed Riverside Chargers (25-2) at Pinnacle Bank Arena for the Class D2 State Championship.

Sacred Heart, looking for its first state title since 2008, got on the board first when Drew Bippes cut through the lane for the score one minute into the contest. A couple of Charger hoops gave them a 4-2 lead, but Bippes then nailed a trey from the top of the key making it 5-4. Bippes got another quick hoop on an assist from Sean Arnold to make it 7-4 at the 5:10 mark. Tredyn Prosocki of Riverside then drained a three to tie the game at seven, but Jake Hoy got an offensive board and hoop at the other end to give the Irish the lead right back. Another three by Riverside gave them a 10-9 advantage, but Jarrot Simon got an offensive rebound and score to put the Irish back ahead. With :40 to play in the quarter, Theo Rohrer backed the defender down and got a hoop followed by a three from the right wing by Arnold to give Sacred Heart an 18-13 lead after the opening eight minutes.

The second quarter began with Prosocki hitting a thirty-footer to make it 18-16, but Bippes answered with a hoop from the right elbow. With 5:30 to go, Rohrer, got two offensive rebounds and a score to make it 22-16. A hoop by Witt and another offensive board and put back by Hoy make it 26-21 with 3:40 to go. Riverside kept chipping away, but Witt used a spin move down low for a basket and Rohrer hit a shot from the elbow with :03 to play in the half to secure a 30-23 halftime lead. Bippes led the Irish with 10 first-half points while the Chargers were led by Prosocki with 16 points.

Bippes got the Irish off to a good start in the second half hitting a hoop from the wing, followed by a basket in the paint by Rohrer and the Irish maintained a 34-27 lead at the 6:30. Riverside hit a free throw on its next possession to get within six points, but that's all the closer they could get. A three by Witt from the top of the key pushed the Irish lead to nine, followed by a hoop from Rohrer working hard on the block. With 4:10 to go Witt drained another three, this time from the left wing to give SH a 12 point lead, 42-30 much to the delight of the Irish faithful. A hoop by Simon off the glass and an offensive board an score

from Hoy gave the Irish a fifteen point advantage with 2:20 to go. The Chargers didn't go away and got a couple of quick scores to move within nine points by the end of the quarter 46-37.

With 6:40 to play in the final period, a touch pass from Bippes to Rohrer for a score, brought the Irish fans to their feet and gave SH an eleven point advantage. The Irish defense held Riverside to just five fourth-quarter points while putting up 13 of their own. A rebound and score by Bippes made it 51-37 with 3:20 to go and back to back layups by Tristan Keithley sealed the game with 2:05 to play. Sean Arnold closed out the scoring for SH with a pair of free throws, and the Irish secured the school's ninth state title 59-42.

The Irish hit on 49 percent of their shot attempts while holding the Chargers to 43 percent. SH out-rebounded Riverside 29-23, including a 12-3 advantage on the offensive glass. The Irish defense also forced 14 turnovers while committing just four of their own. The Irish practically led the entire game as Riverside led for just :39 in the game and it was tied for 3:36. SH had 17-second-chance points to zero for Riverside.

As has been the case all season the Irish used a balanced offense to go along with a swarming defense.

"Most of the games that we've lost we didn't attack as well, we settled. Coming in I wanted to be aggressive and attack, and I think that opened up gaps for me to dish and pitch to teammates on the wing and down below," said Drew Bippes who led the Irish with 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Tyler Witt added 13 points and three rebounds, including 2-3 from behind the arc. Jake Hoy came off the bench and hit for six points and five rebounds while Jarrot Simon had five points and two rebounds for SH.

Prosocki led the Chargers with 23 total points, but just seven in the second half. "We know he's a great player and made some adjustments at the half and it worked out," said Sean Arnold who finished his career with five points and two assists.

"It feels great, we worked so hard for this," said Tristan Keithley. "Every day at practice everybody was busting their tail." Keithley finished with four points three rebounds.

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# Tax Policy in the 2018 Session

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Tax policy is a big area of focus for Senators this legislative session for a good reason: It is key to building a pro-growth climate in our state.

Right now, Nebraska's tax system is in need of an overhaul. According to the Tax Foundation, Nebraska has the 11th highest property taxes in the United States and the 26th highest income taxes. When you look at it another way on a per capita basis, we do not do any better. Local property tax collections rank 12th highest at \$1757 per capita and state income tax collections rank 16th highest at \$1128 per capita. This makes us uncompetitive with surrounding states.

This legislative session there has been a lot of discussion on tax policy. While some Senators have been putting forward proposals that would raise taxes on some Nebraskans to cut taxes for others, I have worked with Revenue Committee Chairman Jim Smith on a proposal that focuses on property tax relief without raising taxes. Other bills would help address the impact of federal tax reform on our state tax code. The flurry of proposals can be very confusing, so here's a brief guide to tax policy before the Legislature right now:

>> LB1090 (Federal tax reform adjustments) – Like many other states, Nebraska's tax code has many references and ties to the federal tax code. In December, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. When the federal tax code changes, many states have to adjust their tax code to avoid unintended consequences. That is why Senator Jim Smith, numerous other Senators, and I are working together to get LB 1090 passed. This bill preserves our state's personal exemption, which was tied to a now obsolete provision in the federal tax code. Without LB 1090, a family of four will potentially pay \$536 more in state taxes this year. If the Legislature does not enact this bill this year, Nebraskans will incur a state income tax increase of over \$200 million. LB 1090 is a must-pass bill.

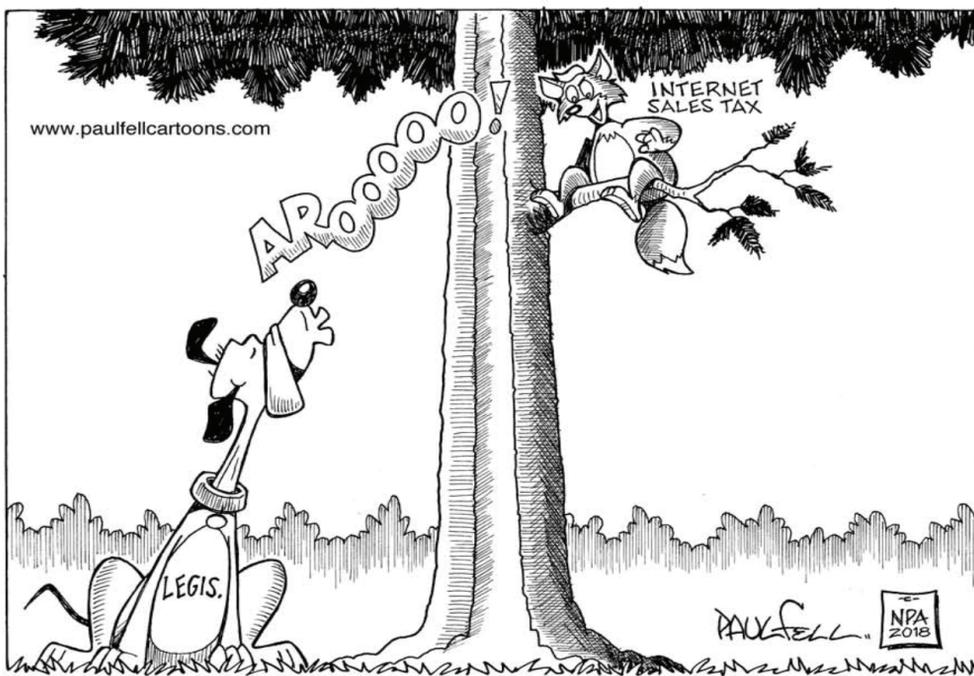
>> LB 947 (Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act) – This is the major tax relief proposal that I am working with Senators on to deliver. This proposal delivers major property tax relief over 10 years along with modest income tax rate reductions to make Nebraska more competitive. Because tax relief in LB 947 grows as our economy grows, taxpayers will see true relief. Some other tax plans proposed this year simply shift taxes around or actually raise taxes to facilitate lots of new government spending. Neither of these approaches deliver tax relief, and I oppose efforts to raise taxes on Nebraska's hardworking families.

>> LB 44 (Out-of-state online sales tax collection) – This week, Senators will do a second round of debate on LB 44, which seeks to collect sales tax on internet purchases made from businesses located outside of Nebraska. Enforcing the collection of sales tax on out-of-state internet purchases will help level the playing field for Main Street Nebraska. LB 44, however, is based upon a South Dakota law, which was just declared unconstitutional last year. Right now, there is a case pending before the Supreme Court on the South Dakota law. Nebraska has joined the case to understand the state's ability to enforce our tax laws.

Senators should wait for guidance from the Supreme Court before enacting a Nebraska law. This will allow them to make sure they get it right and not pass something that is unconstitutional. A Supreme Court decision can give clarity to the state's ability to enforce collection of out-of-state online sales tax. The Legislature should not pass LB 44, and should wait until the Supreme Court acts.

>> Tax hikes and tax shifts – Senators have proposed a number of bills that would raise taxes on Nebraska families. There are a couple of proposals that directly raise taxes or have the effect of raising taxes to purportedly achieve property tax relief. In actuality, they do not lower taxes. You cannot raise taxes to lower taxes. This would be a step back for Nebraska families who are already taxed too high. There is one proposal, LB 1022 (Irrigation Tax Act), which is particularly egregious. This proposes to tax water used for irrigation, which would set a terrible precedent for our state. I strongly oppose the bill.

If you want to make your voice heard on taxes, I hope you'll take time to reach out to your Senator. You can find their contact information at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov). If you'd like to contact my office, we can be reached at [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-2244.



## Tax on Internet sales? Why not?

Capitol View  
Commentary by J.L. Schmidt  
Statehouse Correspondent

North Platte Senator Mike Groene perfectly framed the argument for the state collecting sales tax on internet purchases during floor debate on a bill to allow it.

"I'm paying it, but maybe my neighbor isn't," he said. "Yet we both drive on the same streets and use the same government services." The public wants something done.

Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg said it's a matter of fairness. Main Street businesses have to remit the sales tax paid by customers. The same should be true for those located in other states but selling to Nebraskans on-line, he said.

The Government Accounting Office said Nebraska is missing out on something between \$67 million and \$95 million in sales tax revenue every year. That, says Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse, is why he introduced the bill last session given the current shortfall in state revenue.

But Governor Pete Ricketts and Attorney General Doug Peterson are against the measure because of a legal question pending before the United States Supreme Court in a South Dakota lawsuit against online retail giant Wayfair. At issue in that case is a previous decision in Quill Corporation v. North Dakota, which prohibits states from collecting tax from those internet companies.

Revenue Committee Chairman Senator Jim Smith of Papillion argued against the bill and said he will "fight it to the end because we are holding out hope that this will do things that can't be accomplished."

Senator Mike Hilgers of Lincoln, an attorney, and Ernie Chambers of Omaha, a law school graduate, both argued against the measure from a legal and technical standpoint. But Watermeier and others cited a recent Nebraska Law Review article on the subject, which, they say, answers the legal questions that have been raised.

As introduced, the Watermeier bill (LB44) raised several potential concerns: privacy issues raised by an information reporting system; whether the state can condition the effectiveness of a state law on an act of the Supreme Court or Congress; and why would the state enact a statute before such action allows it to do so.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln law professor Adam Thimmesch wrote that "The State should be following Wayfair very closely, and the legislature should carefully consider enacting LB44 so that it is poised to act if the Court removes the physical presence limitation (a company must have operations in Nebraska) on its inherent power to tax."

He said the privacy concern is addressed by requiring internet sellers to report on aggregate, not individual, consumer activity. The State Constitution allows the Legislature to make laws conditioned on outside events. Finally, the current legislative session ends April 18 and that means lawmakers will not be in session when the high court hands down its opinion.

Without LB44 on the books, Thimmesch wrote, the Legislature would have to wait until next ses-

sion to introduce a bill and any revenue collection could be delayed up to nine months. "The Court's current position has severely limited Nebraska's ability to conform its tax system to the modern economy," he wrote.

Watermeier explained that his amendment to the bill, which was approved before the measure advanced to a final reading, would require sellers to provide detailed notifications to purchasers about the state sales tax that is due for their purchases. The requirement that businesses remit sales tax would go into effect should the U.S. Supreme Court rule to overturn Quill v. North Dakota, which prevents states from collecting sales taxes owed from online purchases.

It would also: require the aggregate report mentioned earlier;

exempt all Nebraska businesses and small businesses from the bill's requirements; and leave the state in position to collect revenue immediately should the court ruling overturn Quill.

Omaha Senator Tony Vargas spoke in favor of the measure and called it a responsible way to move forward to balance the three-legged tax stool, which relies on income, property and sales tax to fund government.

Balance is good. Let's hope that this is the session to achieve it.

*J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 19 years.*

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**50 Years Ago - Mar. 14th - Mar. 20th, 1968**

A record rush to buy gold reached panic proportions. Four out of five dealers in the Zurich gold market closed shortly after noon when they physically could not keep up with orders.

Playing at the Rivoli Theatre was "The Ballad of Josie" with Doris Day. A teen dance sponsored by the Campfire Horizon Club featured the "Doormen Four."

Write-in school board candidate Stephen Miles ran a Journal ad saying there was dissatisfaction with the candidates put up by both the Citizens Party and the Action Party. Meanwhile Mayor Baker and challenger M. O. Armbruster were running hard-hitting ads in their efforts to win votes.

Kites were given away free with any purchase of Imperial Gasoline for three days. Marris Conoco was offering a free six-pack of king Coca-Cola with the purchase of eight or more gallons of gas.

The City Council approved paying \$1,329.78 for the widening of Harlan Street in front of the Post Office to provide parking for about five cars at a time. It also accepted a plat of 30 building lots on Abbott Street between 26th and 27th Streets.

Community Hospital Administrator William Schweikert reported work had been completed on the first phase of a renovation project to produce 39 larger rooms from 47 smaller ones.

According to the University of Nebraska bureau of business, Falls City's population was estimated to have increased from 5,598 in 1950 to 5,857.

There was music in the air and a bit of clowning around by Roman Fleskoski as a crowd of 235 persons attended a program at the Elks Lodge celebrating the 58th anniversary of the Camp Fire Girls organization.

Perhaps considered a little old hat these days, Prior Radio was advertising solid state cassette recorders as one of the "new" things they were selling.

Rodney Knaup received the Distinguished Service Award, Marlin Armbruster was Boss of the Year, and Falls City High instrumental music instructor Rodney Schmidt was recognized as Outstanding Young Educator during the Jaycees DSA banquet.

Dallas Jones was elected to serve as the President of the local United Fund.

Sophomore Charlie Heim of Dawson-Verdon was named to the All-Conference basketball team of the Nemaha Valley Conference.

**25 Years Ago - Mar. 14th - Mar. 20th, 1993**

Hospital Administrator Vic Lee announced plans for a two-year major building and renovation project aimed at making the hospital more efficient and adapting it to meet the growing demand for outpatient services.

The Nebraska Women's basketball team defeated San Diego State 81-58 in the opening round of the NCAA basketball tournament.

The Falls City High School drama department production of the two-act mystery "Nine Girls" featured a cast consisting of Angela Backer, Tara Nelson, Allison Palmer, Jill Bachman, Molly McInteer, Lisa Von Seggern, Kara Bachman, Angie Seeba, and Abby Novak.

Dawson-Verdon High School senior Joseph E. Heim, Jr. was the winner of a Regents Scholarship from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of Deb's House of Ceramics at 1518 Stone Street.

Nebraska's men's basketball team, coached by Danny Nee, for the third year in a row qualified for the NCAA Basketball Tournament and was matched up with New Mexico State in the NCAA East Regional.

"Homeward Bound" was showing at the River Twin Cinema.

**15 Years Ago - Mar. 14th - Mar. 20th, 2003**

A Sacred Heart Preschool Open House was scheduled Apr. 9 hosted by teacher Alicia Schock.

Two members of the Sacred Heart D1 state runner-up girls basketball team, Katie O'Grady and Allison Weaver, were recognized as the Journal Athletes of the week.

Prichard Auditorium was the location for the 14th Annual Farm Toy Show and the 53rd Annual Fish Fry of the Knights of Columbus.

Top finishers in the shooting contest at the conclusion of the Jaycees Shooters Education program were Colton Martin, 1st; Megan Sutliff, 2nd; and Crystal Rhodus, 3rd.

High School Speech Teams from Falls City Sacred Heart, Dawson-Verdon, and Humboldt-Table Rock/Steinauer; were headed to the state contest after winning their respective district contests.

Falls City 8th grader Hayley Milam made 25 of 25 free throw attempts at the Elks Hoop Shoot West Regional in Denver and advanced to the National "Hoop Shoot" finals at Springfield, Mass.

Sacred Heart's boys basketball team was defeated 74-68 by Spencer-Napier in the semi-finals of the state basketball tournament.

Kent Stejskal and Mitchell Harling won first-place trophies and Mitch Liberty and Josh Stoller won second-place trophies in the Jaycees State Super Shooters basketball competition.

The debut of the Humboldt-Table Rock/Steinauer "Titans" was a good one as a junior high boys team defeated a FC Sacred Heart junior high squad 54-46.

Peru State's oldest residence hall was in the midst of the first of an estimated \$5 mil. four phase renovation project.

The Front Porch, 1601 Stone Street, was advertising a Quitting Business Sale. A colorful Sunmart flyer advertised 2 doz. large eggs for \$1 and round steak at \$1.97/lb.

The board of OPPD formally approved the proposed interconnection agreement with the City of Falls City.

A meeting of all agencies impacted by the widening of Harlan Street from 19th Street to the city limits were invited to meet with state road engineer to work out a schedule of projects that needed to be done.

Irving F. Wiltse of Falls City threw his hat into the ring for nomination for Nebraska State Senator in the First District. Also in the running were incumbent Calista Cooper Hughes of Humboldt and Jack McGrath of Crab Orchard.

Winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest about an American inventor were Sondra Gerweck, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Gerweck, whose essay was on Alexander Graham Bell, and Stephen Kottich, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kottich, Jr. who wrote on Robert Fulton.

The Dairy Dip at 14th & Stone owned by Art Tauchen, Don Coupe, Dean Bogle, and Bill Jahn had its Spring Opening Mar. 16.

Glenda Biaggi, an 8th grader at Southeast Nebraska Consolidated, and Vernetta Handley, a 6th grader in District 88 southeast of Shubert, were the top spellers following the Richardson County Spelling Bee.

Falls City retail sales were down 5.9 percent for a year earlier in January and down 21 percent from December.

A basketball double header Mar. 22 featuring contests between the Lions and the Rotary clubs and the Jaycees and the Elks raised money for the United Fund. Lions coach Jim Slominski said his team would platoon five squads of five players.

In an effort to qualify for Boy Scout merit badges Steve Banks and Steve Darveau recorded traffic violations by motorists and pedestrians at 17th & Stone and 16th & Stone on a Saturday morning and counted a total of 1,102 with most made by pedestrians.

**This St. Patrick's Day, remember: Buzzed driving is drunk driving**

By Bailey Bindle

As college students, it is vital to be wise when it comes to the decisions we make on a daily basis. What we choose to do right now can, and will, impact our future, either positively or negatively. Smart decisions, such as waiting until you reach the legal age of twenty-one to drink or arranging a designated driver if you have been drinking, are decisions with positive outcomes that will protect you from breaking laws or putting yourself and others at risk of danger.

Bear this in mind when you head out to your St. Paddy's Day celebrations: In 2016 alone, 60 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period. The one bad decision to drink and drive ripped people from their friends and loved ones forever.

We college students have heard this over and over but it bears repeating: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving. Just one drink too many can put you over the legal limit and lead to extreme consequences of arrest, loss of driving privileges, increased insurance rates and even injury or death. Please remember: a little alcohol can go a long way.

The nightmare scenarios are easy to avoid if you make the simple decision ahead of time to not drive if you've had anything to drink. Not even one drink.

Avoid the headache. Here are some reminders:

**PARTY PREPARATION:** Designate a sober, reliable driver to get you home safely. Find the name of a ride service and keep the number in your phone, or download the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) SaferRide app. Using your location, the app can find a taxi nearby, as well as help you contact a friend from your selected list of contacts.

**ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Before you take your first sip of green beer, leave your keys at home or give them to a friend. Ensure your designated driver has committed to a sober evening. If you're the designated driver, do not drink. Your friends are relying on you, as are the people with whom you share the road.

**EVERY DAY:** First, commit to driving sober today, St. Patrick's Day, and every day. Second, always keep the number of a ride service in your so you have a backup plan if you find yourself in need of a sober driver. Last, be sure to download NHTSA's SaferRide app.

At this point in time, we are investing in our future, and not just from an educational perspective. Our investments are also made both personally and professionally by working hard to better ourselves to become the best individuals that we can possibly be. We have come so far, but still, have such a long journey toward more success and happiness ahead of us. Too much time is spent investing in our lives to throw everything away with a mindless mistake. With that being said, do what is best for your future this St. Patrick's Day, and every day that follows. Ultimately, you have two options: volunteer to be a designated driver or hand over your keys to someone who vows to remain sober. Just one smart decision could be a lifesaver.

*Bailey Bindle is a member of the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) National Student Leadership Council and serves as the organization's National VP of Communications. She is a student at Peru State College.*



**Jessica Santo Photography launches youth engagement campaign**

Jessica Santo is out to make a difference with her photography and she's taking an amazing team of young women along for the ride! Jessica recently launched her 2019 ROLEmodel campaign. Her mission is to foster gratitude within the hearts of young people, while encouraging the youth in our community to create positive change.

"Giving back is something that was etched into my soul and I consider it my life's mission to create positive change in this beautiful and sometimes grumpy world," Santo said.

The program includes 2019 seniors from across the state who applied to join the team.

Jessica chose Ahren Ebel, Elizabeth Keithley, Emily

Crouse, Randee Witt and Ciara Catlin from Sacred Heart; Erin Brewer from Falls City High; and Emma Gibson from Mound City.

Together they will complete multiple community service projects throughout the year. This June they will be representing the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation and hosting 'Lucy's Lemonade for SMA' to raise awareness and funds for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. This fall they will also raise funds to install and open a Little Free Pantry in Falls City.

To follow along with the ROLEmodel campaign, find Jessica Santo Photography on Facebook, Instagram or jessicamsanto.com

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Center at Falls City, 402-323-3396, Holly Carr, Coordinator  
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**FRONTIER BANK OFFERING TWO \$1,550 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Frontier Bank is pleased to announce that the applications for the Centennial Scholarships have been mailed to each of the county high schools. The applications are being sent to the attention of the guidance counselors at Falls City High School, Sacred Heart and Humboldt-Table-Rock-Steinauer.

The scholarship was established as a means to say 'Thank-You' to all of you who help make Richardson County a great place to live and work. The scholarship program is a way to encourage and assist area youth to further their education.

Two scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,550.00. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating seniors from any of the three county high schools who plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university beginning the fall term of 2018. One scholarship will be awarded to a student furthering their education in the business field and the other to a student majoring in the field of agriculture. The scholarship selection committee consists of a panel of five community leaders. Applicants are selected based on their personal achievements, academic success, recommendations and without regard to economic need.

Seniors are encouraged to submit an application for the Centennial Scholarships. Applications may be delivered or mailed to Frontier Bank at 1616 Harlan Street. April 1st is the deadline for submitting the applications.

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**SUN MART OF FALLS CITY** recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City South Elementary School as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Phroper, presented the check to students. Back row: (L-R) Principal JP Holys, Angie Phroper; Front row: Deric Vice, Daphne Schramm, Leo Lendermon, Keira Wilcox. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned.



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**, the women's educational honorary, welcomed two new members, Katy Gifford and Pam Smith, on Tues. Feb. 27. Pictured from left to right: Katy Gifford, Marie Parsons, Sherry Maddox, Stacey Duerfeldt, Kris Vrtiska, Pam Smith.

**STUDENTS**

On Feb. 17, Sacred Heart alumnus and current Doane University student athlete Henry Arnold placed third at the GPAC indoor track meet in the triple jump. He jumped 46 ft 8.25 in.

On Mar. 3 he competed in the NAIA indoor track and field national championships in Pittsburg KS. He finished in 11th place with a jump of 47 ft 10.5 in.

Henry was also on the Dean's List for the fall of 2017 semester.

**Society**

**Humboldt Chapter Order of the Eastern Star**

By Donna Monnette

Fifteen members met for a stated meeting of Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star on Thursday, March 1 at The Meeting Place in Humboldt at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presided in the East. "Have Thine Own Way" was the Opening Ode and followed with Pledge of Allegiance by all.

The Secretary's reading of the previous meeting was approved as read. JoAnn Koso, the treasurer, gave her report.

Communications were read by Donna Monnette. Steven Barchus, Foundation Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, sent appreciation for a recent memorial gift remembering Marcella Niedfeldt. The Nebraska OES News reminded members of the 24th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching and Camp at the University of Nebraska Kearney Campus on May 29-June 2. The chapter voted to sponsor a band member from HTRS or Falls City High School.

Applications are due before March 16. Band instructors have the required information. The participants will march during the Shrine Football game on June 2. Debbi Dunn, Scholarship Chairman for the chapter, announced she had sent information to the school counselors of HTRS and Falls City High School of a scholarship of \$500 which Humboldt Ch. #234 and the Grand Chapter of Nebraska OES are giving. This is available to a graduating senior of high character and in need of assistance.

Resolutions to be introduced at Grand Chapter Session in Kearney during May 8-10 were read. As a member of the State Scholarship Committee Trudy Fankhauser will be representing Humboldt Chapter.

Christina Joy was installed as the Star Point of Martha by Past Installing Matron Carolyn Brede-meier and Installing Marshal Trudy Fankhauser.

Worthy Matron had informa-

tion about the District Grand Supervisor's School of Instruction to be held in conjunction with Guild Chapter in Pawnee City on Saturday, March 24. Becky Baker is from Bellevue and plans to begin at 9:00 a.m. with instruction for all officers and members. A catered lunch will be held at noon. Eleven members of Humboldt plan to attend.

The meeting closed with sickness reports, prayer by Chaplain Joan Wheeler and singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Refreshments were served by Phyllis Kreutzer.

**St. Peter's ELCA**

On March 5, the ladies of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA, met at the church with six members and two guests. Marcia Schwartz, author of the book, *Morning Splendor*, the group was finishing and Barbara Howard. Everyone enjoyed the book very much.

The son 'Count your Blessings' was sung with Roxann Stitzer at the piano.

Lesson leader Linda Duerfeldt led lesson period with Chapter 73, 74, and 75 from the book *Morning Splendor* by Marcia Schwartz. Lesson period closed with Missionary Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

President Roxann Stitzer opened business meeting. Lois Cameron called roll and read February minutes were approved. Treasurer Becky Runyan reported on bank transactions, and Linda Duerfeldt reported on flower fund and cards sent. No old business.

New business, Southeast Conferences are March 17, at Grace Lutheran Church in Cook, NE. Central Conference March 24 at Messiah in Grand Island. Midlands Conference in Lincoln with Spirit of Hope assisting. Southern Prairie Conference April 14 at Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church in Omaha.

Altar Committee Joni Milam for March.

Next meeting April 2, 2018. Lesson Leader Norma Lee Duerfeldt with our new book *Women of the Old Testament*, by Gladys Hunt. Nelle Pfister as hostess. Refreshments served by Linda Duerfeldt. Meeting closed at 2:30 p.m.

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**SH student advances in National Geographic Bee**

Derek Schawang, the son of Darrin and Kim Schawang and an 8th grader at Falls City Sacred Heart, has qualified for the state competition of the National Geographic Bee.

Derek won at the school level at Sacred Heart competing against sixth through eighth graders. He then took a multiple-choice qualifying test to qualify for the state level competition.

The state Bee will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018, at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

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# HTRS wins Pioneer Conference speech meet

Humboldt Table Rock Steiner Speech team won the 2018 Pioneer Conference Speech meet on Monday, March 5. The contest was held at the HTRS School in Humboldt.

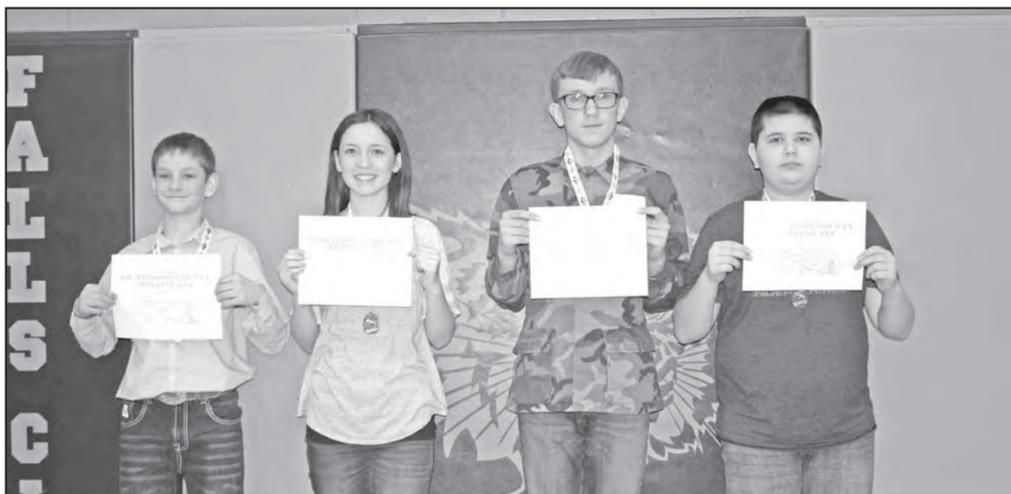
HTRS scored 202 points on its way to the championship. Tri-County was runner-up with 142 points. Falls City received the third place plaque with 132 points, and Lourdes Central Catholics were fourth with 122 points. HTRS first place, gold medal winners were: Anastasia Popham in Persuasive; Grace Kanel in Humorous Prose and the duet of Grace Kanel and Emma Shubert. Other HTRS individual medal winners were: Alex Flynn, second in Serious Prose; Matilyn Stalder, second in Informative; Camille Frey, second in Entertainment and fourth in Informative; Bella Vasco, second in Poetry; Lauren Nanninga, third in Poetry; and Clarence Schuler, fourth in Persuasive and fifth in Extemporaneous. The Oral Interpretation of Drama team of Bella Vasco, Katie Frey, Lauren Nanninga and Austin Herr finished with a fourth-place medal.

HTRS Speech on Saturday, March 3 competed in the Waverly Invite. The team was runner-up with 67 points behind the champion, Auburn with 83 points. HTRS medalists were: Anastasia Popham, first in Varsity Persuasive and third in Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, Alex Flynn, third in Varsity Serious Prose; Clarence Schuler, fifth in Varsity Persuasive; Bella Vasco fifth in Varsity Poetry, Camille Frey, sixth in Varsity Poetry; Cameron James, first in Novice Serious Prose and fourth in Novice Humorous Prose; Lauren Nanninga was first in Novice Poetry; Katie Frey was third in Novice Poetry and sixth in Novice Serious; Austin Herr was fourth in Novice Humorous Prose; Joe Lamb, fourth in Novice Informative and Joe Stalder was fifth in Novice Informative.

The team will finish the season with the Speech District at HTRS on March 13. The top three finishers will compete at the State Championships held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus on March 23. The HTRS speech team is coached by Carl Linnerson and Mandy Bowen.



5th/6th Division L - R Makayla Eberle, Patrick Froeschl, Grace Morris, Logan Barkow



7th/8th Division L - R Gabriel Canonico, Grace Holys, Derex Kish, Aiden Ebel

## FCMS student to represent Richardson County at Midwest Spelling Bee

The Richardson County Spelling Bee was held on Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Falls City Middle School, Falls City South School and Falls City Sacred Heart and Humboldt Table-Rock Steiner all participated.

Winners in the fifth and sixth grade division: first place, Logan Barkow FCMS, son of Maria Bomar and the late Brent Bar-

kow; second place, Grace Morris FCMS, daughter of Adam and Sarrah Morris; third place, Patrick Froeschl Sacred Heart, son of Phil and Laurie Froeschl; and fourth place, Makayla Eberle, FC South School, daughter of Kaitlin Best and Justin Eberle.

Winners in the seventh and eighth grade division: first place, Aiden Ebel FCMS, son of Jeff and Stacey Ebel; second place,

Derex Kish HTRS, son of Jack and Raylene Dunn; third place, Grace Holys FCMS, daughter of J.P and Debbis Holys; fourth place, Gabriel Canonico Sacred Heart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rieger.

Aiden Ebel will represent Richardson County at the Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha on March 17.

## Auburn community revamps thrift store

Thanks to the hard work of some of Auburn community members, improvements have been made at The Neighborhood Closet thrift store in Auburn, NE. Project Response Program Coordinator Shari Berglund states, "these changes have been made so that we'll be able to better serve the community." The Neighborhood Closet is a sister store to Project Response Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency.

Project Response provides clothing to those in need by issuing vouchers that clients can then redeem at The Neighborhood Closet. There are no requirements to be eligible for clothing assistance and it is not a service exclusively for survivors of violence. Any profit from The Neighborhood Closet is utilized for direct client

services at Project Response. Mrs. Berglund spearheaded the improvement project, which involved improving the dressing room, fresh paint and décor, and maximizing the space so that a large amount of additional inventory could be displayed. Volunteers from the area that assisted include Martin and Allison Hayes, Erin Robeson, Anita Robertson, Jean Moore, Jayme Houdek, Paige Carlson, Gabe Berglund, Becky Whisler, Autumn Dickerson, and Gene Remmers.

Along with the physical

revamping The Neighborhood Closet also welcomes new manager, Becky Whisler. Becky has been a dedicated volunteer at the store. "Becky brings a wonderful work ethic, experience, and best of all, a fabulous personality and heart for those in need," Ashley Robertson, Project Response Executive Director added.

Contact the Neighborhood Closet for store hours or more information. If you are in need of any assistance, please call our 24-hour hotline at 1-800-456-5764.

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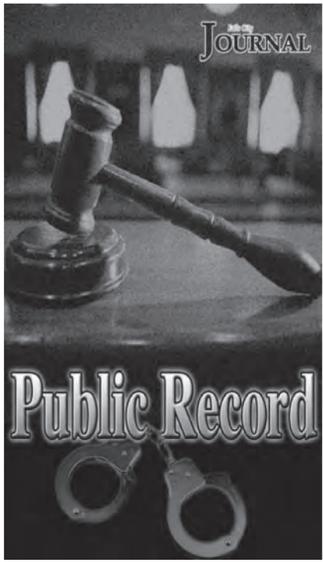
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ing, plead not guilty; count two, theft by shoplifting, plead not guilty; pretrial is scheduled for Mar. 26, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty, pretrial is scheduled for Mar. 26, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

Chelsea M. Raney, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension/before reinstatement, plead guilty, found guilty, sentencing is scheduled for Apr. 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Myrtle A. Russell, of Falls City, count one, second-degree forgery (\$0-\$500), plead no contest, found guilty; sentence includes state fine of \$100, restitution of \$50 and Court costs of \$50.

Robert J. Vice, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and Court costs of \$50.

Angela D. Goltz, of Falls City, count one, assault by mutual consent, plead not guilty, hearing is scheduled for Apr. 9, 2018, at 11:45 a.m.

Robert B. Carrier, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, driving under suspension/before reinstatement, plead no contest, found guilty; sentencing is scheduled for Apr. 9, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

Joshua L. Carpenter, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty, pretrial

is scheduled for Mar. 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, theft of services (\$0-\$500), plead not guilty, hearing is scheduled for Apr. 16, 2018, at 9:15 a.m.

Jacob L. Smith, of Falls City, count one, refusal to submit to test – first offense, plead no contest, found guilty, sentencing is scheduled for Mar. 21, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

Joshua M. Bachman, of Humboldt, two counts of failure to license dog, plead not guilty; two counts of dog running at large, plead not guilty; pretrial is scheduled for Mar. 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Adam L. Burgett, of Humboldt, count one, willful reckless driving – first offense, plead guilty, found guilty; sentence includes state fine of \$500, probation for a term of six months beginning Mar. 7, 2018, mandatory alcohol/drug education class and Court costs of \$50. Count two, failure to use seatbelt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25.

Taylor V. Clancy, of Los Banos, Calif., count one, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and Court costs of \$49.

Nancy L. Foster, of Falls City, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Steven D. Craig, of Sherman, Texas, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Camron T. Leupold, of Hiawatha, Kan., count one, speeding (36+), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$300 and Court costs of \$49.

Natasha Rowland, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration of car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Jessica M. Strecker, of Falls City, count one, speeding (15-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$125 and Court costs of \$49.

Bryan C. Altman, of Derby, Kan., count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Jacob A. Breithaupt, of Lincoln, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Lucas M. Morehead, of Falls City, count one, unlawful/fictitious display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50 and Court costs of \$49.

John D. Cooper, of Lincoln, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Adel F. Yoonis, of Marietta, Ga., count one, no valid registration of car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25; count two, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and Court costs of \$49.

Tyler S. Cox, of York, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Joseph A. Ulrich, of Omaha,

count one, following too close, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50 and Court costs of \$49.

Brian S. McColpin, of Huntsville, Texas, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Leslie M. Anderson, of Whitesboro, Texas, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Craig J. Coyle, of Bennington, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Thomas F. Morgan, of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Walter R. Salmon, of Palm Bay, Fla., two counts of overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes two overweight fines of \$750 each; one count of overweight capacity plates, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes overweight fine of \$450 and Court costs of \$49.

David E. Leija-Castillo, of Lincoln, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Derek J. Bippes, of Falls City, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

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Theo Rohrer had a big game at Pinnacle finishing with 12 points and five rebounds. (Photo by Brian McKim)

## Irish boys cut down the net at Pinnacle Bank in Lincoln

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"We thought we had the caliber of team this year to make it to Lincoln. We played a really good schedule, Nebraska City three times, Johnson-Brock and Elmwood-Murdock all-state tournament teams, and we did well against those team," said Coach Doug Goltz. "Getting here was the goal, and we just try to preach to them to put three

good games together."

"Just a big-time game, coach told us to work hard and hit the boards. Got to be strong and go after the ball," said Theo Rohrer on his big game. Rohrer finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Both Witt and Bippes landed a spot on the Class D2 all-tournament team with Bippes scoring 41 points in the three games and Witt adding 35.

## The road to Pinnacle for the Irish boys

### Irish use defense to shut down Cowboys

By Brian McKim

On Thurs. morning the Irish (22-3) were on the court in the opening round of the state tournament and ready to face the Cowboys (12-8) from Cody-Kilgore at Lincoln Southeast High School. The Irish, on the court for the first time since a last-second shot sent them home in the district final, played like they had something to prove and unfortunately for the Cowboys they were on the receiving end.

The Irish wasted little time getting on the board as Sean Arnold got a quick steal and hit Drew Bippes for a layup to begin the scoring. On the next possession the Irish, playing against the Cowboys 1-3-1 defense, got a three-pointer from Tristan Keithley to make it 5-0 just a minute and a half into the game. Arnold again picked the pocket of the Cowboy ball handler and found Keithley in the corner for his second trey in a row to make it 8-0 with 5:39 to play. After a Cody-Kilgore timeout, it was Keithley this time getting a swipe and finding Bippes open for the shot behind the arc to run the score to 11-0 at the 4:52 mark. On the following possession, Arnold picked up his third steal and hit Bippes who found Tyler Witt for the score. Finally with 3:00 to play the Cowboys stopped a 13-0 run with a hoop, but Jarrot Simon hit a reverse layup on the next trip down the court to run the score to 15-2.

Sacred Heart wasn't done scoring as Jamie Stice got into the action with a long ball to put SH up 18-4. Stice added to the lead on a layup from a feed by Jake Hoy and closed out the quarter with a three from the corner to make it 23-4 after one quarter.

Quarter number two got off to a good start for SH with Simon knocking down a pair of free throws. Simon then got an offensive board and put back on the next time down the court to make it 27-4. Another basket by Keithley and a layup by Witt made it 31-6 with 4:49 to play in the half. Jake Hoy then got a steal and hit back to back layups to give the Irish their biggest lead so far at 35-8. Sacred Heart cruised into the locker room with a 37-9 advantage.

The third quarter began with Arnold finding Witt on the left wing for the hoop and giving the Irish a 30 point advantage. A steal by Bippes and two free throws followed by another three-pointer by Keithley gave Sacred Heart a 44-9 lead with 5:35 to play. After two free throws by the Cowboys, the Irish went on a 7-0 run to make it 51-11 and the game would be played with a running clock the rest of the way out. Simon banked a shot off the glass for the Irish to bring the third quarter to an end with a 53-13 lead.

The Irish were able to play the reserves in the final period and give the starters some much-needed rest as they try to win three games in three days. SH outscored the Cowboys 10-7 in the final period and went on to

win 63-20.

Tristan Keithley led the offense with 13 points, including three from downtown. Bippes and Stice each added 10 points. Simon and Witt finished with eight, Hoy had four, Will Morehead and Anthony Froeschl had three, and Rohrer and Joe Bieker each had two points for the Irish. The Irish, who shot just under 30 percent from behind the arc in the regular season, hit nine on Thurs. morning.

### Irish sting Hornets

By Brian McKim

On Friday night at the Devaney Center, the 23-3 Irish took on the 20-6 Giltner Hornets in the Class D2 state semifinals. SH got on the board first when Tyler Witt snagged an offensive rebound and found Sean Arnold open for the hoop less than a minute into the contest. One minute later Arnold returned the favor, finding Witt on the block to make it 4-2 Irish. On the next Irish possession, Tristan Keithley found Witt for another hoop to give Sacred Heart a 6-2. After a hoop by Giltner, Drew Bippes spun in the lane and laid one off the glass to make it 8-4. The final points of the quarter by the Irish came from Jake Hoy who drove the baseline and hit a reverse layup with 3:30 to go to make it 10-4. Giltner got a hoop at the three-minute mark, but the Irish led after one quarter 10-6.

Bippes began the second quarter hitting 1-2 from the charity stripe followed by a nice finger roll layup to make it 13-7 with just under six minutes to play in the half. After a couple of free throws by the Irish, Theo Rohrer came up with a big blocked shot that led to Bippes getting two more free throws to make it 17-8 at the 2:19 mark. Another free throw this time by Rohrer and two more from Bippes made it 20-11 at the half. The Irish hit 8-12 from the foul line in the second period.



Drew Bippes had an outstanding tournament scoring 41 points in three games. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Bippes found Witt for a quick hoop to begin the second half, followed by an offensive rebound and hoop and foul by Witt. After the free throw completed the three-point play, the Irish led 25-11 two minutes into the second half. SH didn't score again until Bippes drove to the hole and hit the hoop to give the Irish a double-digit lead at 27-17 with 3:20 to go. Giltner then went on a 6-0 run to make it 27-23 with 1:53 to go but Jake Hoy ended the run with a basket under the hoop with :57 to go. Then with :35 to play Witt got an offensive rebound on an inbound play and a putback to extend the Irish lead to 31-23 after three quarters.

SH proceeded to hit 7-8 free throws to begin the fourth quarter,

and a stingy defense didn't allow a Hornet point until they hit a free throw with 2:35 to play. The point stopped an 11-0 Irish run and Giltner went almost eight minutes without a point. The Irish didn't hit a field goal in the final period, they didn't need to. SH hit 11-12 from the foul line in the last eight minutes to get the 42-27 win over the four seed Hornets.

Bippes led the Irish with a game-high 17 points, followed by Witt with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Hoy added four, Keithley had three, Arnold had two and Rohrer, and Jarrot Simon each had one. Josh Hinrichs led Giltner with seven points. The Irish defense held Giltner to just 23 percent from the field.

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## Falls City Middle School girls basketball wraps up season

Gold Division tournament results: The "A" team had some of the toughest competition all year last night. In the first round they lost to Auburn 31-14. Leading scorers for the Tigers were Elyse Poppe and Emma Killingsworth with four points each. In the consolation game the Tigers faced off with Syracuse and lost 35-18. Leading scorers for the Tigers were Lindsey McNeely with seven points and Reece McNeely

with four points. The Tigers end their season with a record of 7-5.

Silver Division tournament results: The "B" team played first against HTRS. It was quite an exciting game! It was a tie game with 38 seconds left, but the girls didn't give up and came away with a win of 32-30. High scorers for the HTRS game were RaeAnn Thompson with seven points, Christina Gilkerson with six points

and Madison Jones with five points.

After the exciting win, FC then had to face Sacred Heart for the championship. Unfortunately, they didn't get the win, but they did finish the tournament with second place. The final score was 43-15. High scorers for the game were Madison Jones with seven points and Nia Crawford with four points.



Logan Merz (left) stands with Larry Kirk (right) after a game of disc golf in Falls City. Photo provided by Larry Kirk.

## World record-holding disc golfer praises Falls City course

By Kaylie Ractliffe

Disc golf enthusiast Larry Clifford Kirk stopped by Falls City to visit family last week when a Falls Cityan pointed him in the direction of the disc golf course at Stanton Lake.

Kirk, 56, currently holds the world record for most disc golf courses played in a year. He has gone on three tours of the U.S., during which he played at least one disc golf course in each of the 50 states. While he says his favorite course in the U.S. is in Massachusetts, the Falls City course was "impressive."

"I just loved it," Kirk said. "There are so many obstacles;

there are trees, there's water... every hole is an absolute thrill. That's just what disc golfers love."

Kirk was joined on the course by several members of the community, including the designer of the course, Logan Merz.

"I just want to get the word out to the community about how awesome this course is," Kirk said.

Kirk's disc golf journey began in 2001 while he was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. His original goal was to be the first person to golf 50 courses in 50 days, which he completed in 2013.

Kirk says he has completed as many as 11 courses in a single day.

While Kirk's passion for the sport has not led him to the professional side, he says his biggest goal is to get more people involved.

"Disc golf is such a great family sport. Anyone can do it, young or old. You don't have to be an athlete," Kirk said.

Now reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force, Kirk will soon be stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, where he plans to continue playing disc golf whenever he is able.

## With key losses, Tigers look to reload

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boy basketball team wrapped up the 2017-18 season with an overall 14-11 record. The Tigers won seven out of nine at home but dropped seven out of sixteen on the road.

The Tigers schedule was a tough one this season. FC began the season with a win over Syracuse, the number seven seed in the Class C1 state tournament team, 47-46. The Tigers dropped a heartbreaker to the number three seed in the C1 tournament Broken Bow, 50-48. Falls City picked up a big home win over the Class D1 State Champions Lourdes Central Knights 49-46 in overtime. The Tigers dropped another close game on the road to the Class D1 state tournament number six seeded Johnson-Brock Eagles 60-57. The Eagles, after losing to Lourdes in the state semifinal game took third place. Finally, Falls City fell to fourth-seeded team in Class C2 Elmwood-Murdock 67-32.

Falls City outscored its opponents this season 1286-1256. The Tigers made 42 percent of their shot attempts (483-1148) and their foes also hit 42 percent of their efforts (481-1136.) The Tigers owned a rebounding edge at 670-508 and had 232 team assists to 184 for their counterparts.

Brandt Chapple led the Tigers offense with 408 points for a per

game average of 17. Collin Cook added 245 points for a 9.9 ppg average. Rudy Vrtiska was next with 201 points and an 8.3 ppg average, and Mason Crawford came on to average 6.8 ppg and score 171 for the season. Jake Craig added 124 points to average five ppg.

Chapple led the team in rebounds with 180 for the season and Craig was right behind with 140, including a team-high 50 offensive boards. Vrtiska added 107 and Cook was next with 74. Cook led the playmaking with 45 assists, and Vrtiska was right behind with 41, while Crawford chipped in another 37. Craig was significant under the hoop on defense as he led the team with 30 blocked shots. Chapple led the team with 44 steals while Vrtiska added 34. Chapple led the Tigers from three-point range as well hitting 41-146, while Crawford made 25-44 and Cook hit 45-74 attempts.

Falls City will have to replace Vrtiska, Chapple, and Craig next season but look for Cook, Crawford and Cade Schawang to step up and lead the Tigers.

"Very happy with the effort all season long," said Coach Don Hogue. "Bring back some kids in 18-19 that have some really good experience, and our JV's had another successful year as well."

## Tigers girls much improved second half of season, look forward to next year

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger girls basketball team finished the 2017-18 campaign with a 10-14 record after losing eight straight games to begin the season. The Lady Tigers had won four in a row before having their season come to an end at the hands of the Fairbury Jeffs in sub-district play 45-43.

"We had a tough start to the season, but the girls did a great job of bouncing back after Christmas break," said Coach Max Milam. "Seniors Meredith Poppe, Rylee Scholl, Elle Findlay and Sophia Gilsdorf's leadership was key in keeping us focused on what we needed to do to get better every day."

For the year the Tigers held a significant rebounding advantage over their foes 746-516. Falls City connected on just 34 percent of their shot attempts for their while their opponents hit at 40 percent. On the season the Tigers were outscored 946 to 925 by their counterparts.

Individually Hannah Clary led the Tigers with 208 points for an average of 8.7 ppg. Hannah Kirkendall was right behind with 143 total points for a 6.8 ppg. average. Rylee Scholl averaged 6.6 ppg. while scoring 152 total points and Meredith Poppe had 154 points for a 6.4 ppg. average. Elle Find-

lay added 110 points for a 4.6 average, and Ellicyn Gilkerson put up 4.1 ppg. and 90 total for the season.

Kirkendall was tops on the boards for FC with 146 while Clary and Poppe right behind with 145 and 143. Scholl added 99 and Findlay had 91. Scholl was the top playmaker for the Tigers with 57 assists while Poppe was one back with 56.

Gilkerson was the top shooter behind the arc hitting 18-57 and Poppe was next with 7-36. Scholl was the top free throw shooter for FC converting 50-67 attempts while Poppe made 43-69. Clary was next with 45-107. As a team, the Tigers made 202-382 from the foul line for 53 percent.

"The underclassmen really stepped up and made a huge impact on our team. Sophomore Hannah Clary led the team in scoring, junior Hannah Kirkendall led in rebounding, and Ellicyn Gilkerson was our best three-point threat. I would like to thank our seniors for everything they have meant to our program; you will be missed. I think we have a talented group coming back and I am looking forward to next year. Go Tigers!," said coach Milam.

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## Richard "Rich" Niedfeldt

Richard "Rich" Niedfeldt, 56, of Shubert, passed away March 5, 2018 after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 11, 1961 at Falls City to Harold and Joann (Krueger) Niedfeldt.

Rich was raised in the Shubert area and graduated Southeast Consolidated High School in 1979. Following graduation he became employed at Koster's Manufacturing as a welder at Falls City. He then became a full time farmer working with his Dad. After his Dad's retirement he took over the farming operation. In high school he participated in basketball and FFA. He loved to golf, bowl, Jet Ski, travel, snowmobiling in Wyoming and being with his friends. He was Baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran

Church (6 miles north), where he was a lifetime member.

Rich is survived by his parents, Harold and Joann of Falls City, sister, Rita Kreifels and her husband Scott of Verdon, NE, niece Kari Cook and her husband Taylor of Grand Island, NE, nephews, Alan Kreifels and his wife Courtney and Eric Kreifels and his wife Skylar both of Falls City. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald, grandparents, Fred and Ethel Krueger, Albert and Anna Niedfeldt, Sr.

His funeral was held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (6 miles north) with Reverend Daniel Gifford officiating. Interment was in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery.

## Theone Kuhlman

Theone Kuhlman, 95, of Falls City, passed away March 10, 2018 in Falls City. She was born March 29, 1922 in Humboldt, to William and Fannie (Deubelbeiss) Imhof.

She married Alvin Kuhlman on Oct. 7, 1940 in Hiawatha. He passed away Dec. 23, 1991.

Theone was raised at Humboldt and when married the couple established their home on a farm northeast of Falls City of Falls City. They moved to Shubert in 1947 and into Falls City in 1952. She was a homemaker and worked at Flannigan's Grill, then at Candlelight Cabin and for over 30 years she was employed at the Falls City Country Club, retiring in the late 90's. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle), American Legion Auxiliary and was a Gold

Star Mother.

Theone is survived by her daughters, Lila Stafford and Kim Oliver and her husband Brad both of Falls City, sister, Wilma June Koeneke of Johnson, NE and a grandson, Braden Oliver of Falls City, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Lance Corporal Melvin Kuhlman, KIA, Donald Kuhlman and a sister, Verna Kammerer.

Her funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Andrew Chavanak officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

## Tracy Sells

Tracy Sells, 57, of Rulo, NE, passed away March 11, 2018 in Falls City. She was born August 21, 1960, in Cozad, to parents Max and Irene "Renie" (Jolkowski) Rathman. She married Michael Sells on December 20, 1980 in Falls City and established their home in Rulo, where she has lived since. Michael passed away August 17, 2003.

Tracy was raised in Falls City and graduated Falls City Sacred Heart in 1978. She graduated Nebraska Methodist School of Nursing in 1981 and earned her Bachelors of Nursing from the University of Nebraska in 1989. She had been employed at Falls City Hospital since 1979. At the time of her death she was the Director of Quality and Risk Management and Corporate Compliance at Community Medical Center. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Tracy is survived by her son Matthew (Alicia) Sells of Shenandoah, Iowa, brother Chris (Kim) Rathman of Maple Grove, Minn., sister Vicki (Tony) Lehr of Gladstone, Mo., grandsons Carter and Mason Sells, and stepfather Bud Gerweck of Falls City. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 1030 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father David Oldham as the presiding priest. Interment will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery. A Parish Rosary will be recited on Thursday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Family will receive friends following the rosary.

Memorials may be directed to the CMC Foundation or the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund.

# Closing the jobs gap

By Rep. Adrian Smith

One of the most common concerns I hear while traveling the Third District is the roadblocks employers are facing in finding qualified workers. Considering the high number of Americans currently sitting on the economic sidelines, we have a great opportunity before us to close the jobs gap and help more people experience prosperity.

Right now, approximately six million jobs are going unfilled in our country. At the same time, more working-age adults are in poverty than ever before, as fewer men and women are employed today than in the past. More than seven million men and five million young adults are not working or in school. These alarming trends harm families as well as our economy.

The rate of poverty among those working full-time is only three percent. To take full advantage of the economic growth generated by tax reform, we need to find ways to bring more Americans back into the workforce with stable employment. This challenge is our main focus on the Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, which I chair.

Poverty is often assumed to be more prevalent in cities. However, poverty rates are underestimated in rural and remote areas, where for decades they have steadily risen higher than in urban areas.

I recently spoke to a gathering hosted in Washington, D.C., by the National Association of Counties. We talked about the importance of putting the "human" back in human services and helping people realize their full potential. Many of the best approaches to fighting poverty are happening at the local level. We want to learn from these successes, and we have held multiple hearings in our subcommittee in recent months to learn from local experts and help lay the groundwork for our efforts.

The ranking member of our subcommittee, Congressman Danny Davis, is from urban

Chicago. Our congressional districts could not be more different, but we have found the challenges of empowering people out of poverty are universal, even if they require different solutions. National, one-size-fits-all policies are less effective than providing local organizations the flexibility needed to serve their communities.

Our subcommittee is working on multiple avenues for supporting local anti-poverty efforts, including the recent reauthorization of the home visiting program, support for reemployment services, funding for child welfare prevention services, and an alternative, flexible funding structure for states and counties through social impact partnerships.

We need to make sure our anti-poverty policies support and reward work. We also must shift the metrics from inputs like dollars spent or number of people on the rolls to evidence and outcomes in order to determine whether these programs are making a difference.

Another aspect of solving the workforce puzzle is promoting vocational education. Pursuing a four-year degree is an excellent path, but it is far from the only option. Many of our country's trades are experiencing shortages, and we should be encouraging more students to seek out the technical training necessary for these beneficial careers. Employers are often best equipped to help their employees attain the skills needed to succeed in their jobs, and we must do more to pair prospective workers with businesses which can train them to fill these job openings.

President Trump expressed his commitment to workforce development in his State of the Union address earlier this year, and our subcommittee is eager to partner with him to help a greater percentage of Americans achieve independence and experience the dignity of work. With a focus on unlocking the potential in more people, we can ensure a brighter future for our country.

## Five ways to prioritize your health

(StatePoint) It's easy to fall into a rut where health is concerned. Here are some old and new ways to prioritize wellness.

### Make Mornings Count

Let's face it. Evenings are busy. So, taking control of your mornings can be key. If the hardest part about working out is just getting out of bed, stay accountable by making plans with friends. Get your yoga-loving coworker to commit to a weekly class with you, or start a steps competition at work to motivate yourself to move more.

### Try Out Tech

New, innovative technologies can inspire you to take charge of your health. Wearable fitness trackers have been around for a while, but home DNA tests, like Orig3n's Fitness test, can help you optimize workouts by providing insights into your genes. Discover whether you have the genes that need an extra rest day, or whether you're better at high-intensity workouts or endurance exercises. Then, adjust your routine accordingly. If you're looking to eat more healthfully, the Orig3n Nutrition test analyzes your hunger and weight genes so you can learn about how your body processes fats (good to know for cookie por-

tion control) and if you're predisposed to any food sensitivities.

### Strike a Balance

Exercise accounts for only about 25 percent of weight loss, while healthy eating accounts for 75 percent. So, balance favorite indulgences with smart choices. If you know you're having a big dinner later in the day, eat healthfully at breakfast and lunch. Instead of reaching for all the sweets and rich foods in front of you, think about what you'd really like to eat. Choose wisely and mindfully.

### Focus on Fun, Not Food

If you spend all your time at parties counting calories, you'll miss out on time spent with loved ones. What's more, you may find yourself overindulging later if you're too restrictive. Instead, focus on the people in your life and the memories you're making.

### Get Rest

A University of Chicago study found that people overeat on snacks -- sometimes hundreds of additional calories -- when they aren't getting enough sleep. Take a breather, and when you can, get yourself to bed early. Don't neglect your health. Adopting simple habits and using new tech tools can help you take better control of your wellness.

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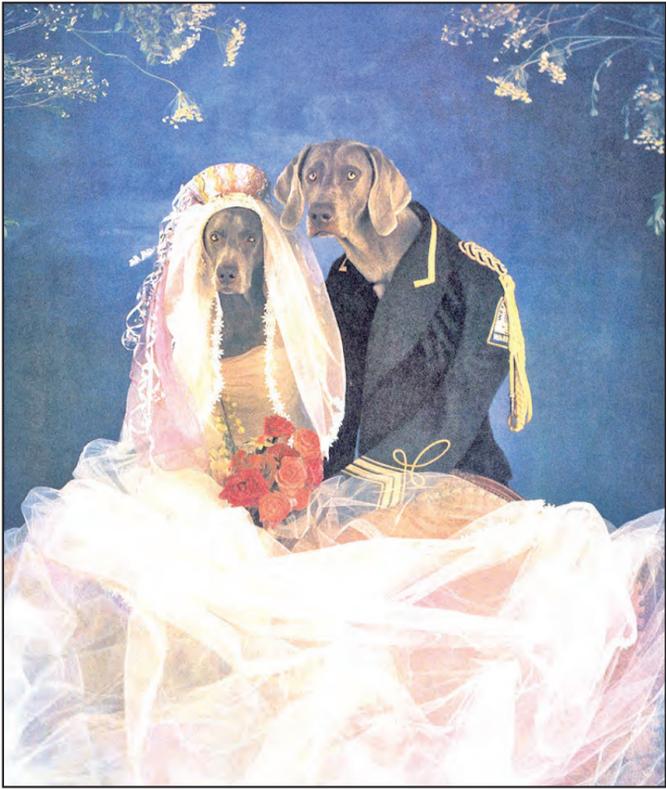


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### “Meet Your Match” art exhibition at Falls City Library and Arts Center

“Meet Your Match,” an exhibition of selected artworks from Sheldon Museum of Art at the University of Nebraska, opened at the Falls City Library and Arts Center on March 7.

The exhibition is part of Sheldon Statewide, an annual program through which works from the museum’s collection travel to venues throughout Nebraska. Since its inception in 1987, the program has taken exhibitions to 24 communities, reaching more than 290,000 people.

“Meet Your Match,” the 2017–18 Sheldon Statewide exhibition, explores the conversations and ideas that emerge when two diverse works of art are juxtaposed.

The exhibition features works in diverse media by artists including Ansel Adams, Robert Arneson, John James Audubon, Kenneth Southworth Davies, Elliott Erwitt, Elisabeth Frink, Dana Fritz, Dwight Kirsch, Edward Liggett, William Nicholson, Gordon Parks, Jane Peter-

son, Robert Rauschenberg, Enrico Sarsini, John Talleur, Andy Warhol, and William Wegman.

The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council sponsors the Falls City exhibition, which is on view at the Stalder Gallery at the Falls City Library and Arts Center through April 4.

The Sheldon Statewide exhibition series receives funding support from Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska, Rhonda Seacrest, the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Sheldon Art Association.

The Stalder Gallery is located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center. The exhibition is free to the public and open during normal library hour- M-Th 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; F 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Any questions concerning the exhibition can be directed to curator, Christina Wertenberger at 402-245-6034. A gallery talk is pending at this time.

### Smith statement on aluminum and steel tariffs

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE) released the following statement today after President Donald Trump announced his decision to impose new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

“I understand President Trump’s desire to put an end to unfair trade practices, but the best way to accomplish this goal is through targeted policies rather than blanket tariffs,” Smith said. “While I appreciate the President listening to our case for exempting Canada and Mexico, these tariffs should be further narrowed in order to reduce unintended consequences.

“Due to the success of our ag

producers, this industry is often the first to be targeted with retaliatory measures by other countries. I have been steadfast in advocating against actions which could harm the ag economy, and I remain deeply concerned about these tariffs in their current form.

“We know tariffs translate to higher costs for consumers. At a time when we are experiencing great economic benefits from tax reform, we should focus on opening more markets rather than enacting barriers.”

Smith serves on the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over trade policy.



Signing Day-L-R: Kris Vrtiska, Rudy Vrtiska, Kim Vrtiska Back, L-R: Coach Terri Hogue, Coach Cody Hawley

### Vrtiska signs on to be a Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf

Rudy Vrtiska, a senior at Falls City High School, signed his letter of intent March 6 to run track and field for the Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolves. Vrtiska will participate in both indoor and outdoor track seasons for the Prairies Wolves which are members of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Rudy will focus on running the hurdles and 400 while possibly participating in multi-event competitions.

Coach Derrick McKenzie of Nebraska Wesleyan stated that “Rudy’s character first stands out to us as a staff. Mix that in with his versatility on the track and his raw potential, we

are excited for his future with NWU track and field. We know the type of student athletes that fit NWU and Rudy fits what we look for at a high level.”

Vrtiska will begin his third track season for the Falls City Tigers after qualifying the last two years for the Nebraska State Track Meet in the 300 hurdles and 400 M race. According to Coach Terri Hogue Falls City Tiger track coach, “Rudy is a dedicated athlete. He works extremely hard and puts in extra time after workouts. When Rudy competes it’s for the school, the team and himself.”

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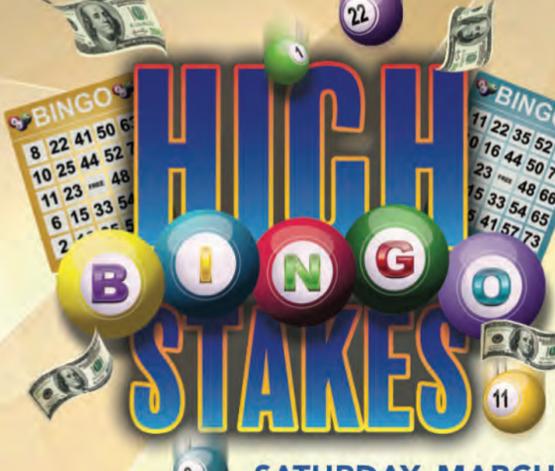
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# Your Guide to Reducing the Prom Price Tag

(StatePoint) Prom is a time-honored tradition and a rite of passage for teens. Originally inspired by graduation celebrations and debutante balls, prom today is now an extravagant, defining moment in a teen's life, bearing little resemblance to promenades of the past -- especially when it comes to cost.

All of this indulgence unfortunately comes with a price tag, and prom expenses can put a large dent in your wallet. Teens are spending nearly \$640 on prom hair and makeup, outfits, tickets and rides, according to Yahoo Style's "2017 Prom Across America" survey -- and that doesn't take into consideration any pre-prom expenses, such as the promposal, which, according to Visa's annual prom spending survey, adds another \$324!

### The Promposal

In recent years, teens have upped the ante, finding elaborate -- and often public -- ways to ask someone to prom.

What are some popular promposal tactics? Spelling "prom" with pastries, creating giant duct tape posters, decorating lockers and bedrooms, and popping the question on the jumbotron at a sporting event.

### Fashion First

When proms first became common, teens were encouraged to wear their "Sunday best" -- implying a nice dress or suit they already owned. Not so anymore. For girls, prom is all about the dress, and finding the perfect one at the right price is no easy task. "Seventeen Magazine" reported that girls spend \$231 on average for a dress, \$45 on shoes, \$23 on a handbag, \$32 on jewelry and \$118 on hair, nails and makeup.

While guys typically spend less on prom clothing and accessories, they're still shelling out for a tuxedo, corsage and other accessories.

### Cut Costs, Save for College

The steep prom price tag is leading teens to look at alternatives, such as ditching typical outfits and making their own. One example is Duck Tape formal wear. Over the last 17 years, the Duck brand Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest has attracted more than 7,000 entrants and awarded more than half a million dollars in scholarships to teens who crafted their Duck Tape prom attire.

Now in its 18th year, the contest will once again help offset the skyrocketing costs of college by helping teens save on prom and by awarding creative makers for their unique prom-wear designs, offering two individual \$10,000 Grand Prizes: one in the Dress Category and one in the Tux Category, totaling \$20,000. For more information, visit stuckatprom.com.

Other ways to cut the prom price tag? Hair, makeup and other accessories can cost more than \$200, so skip the salon and opt for online tutorials for hair and makeup inspiration. Also, DIYing accessories, such as jewelry, a clutch or flowers (i.e. Duck Tape roses), can add a personal touch, and keep money in your wallet.

Setting a budget and looking for opportunities to save money can help ensure prom is an amazing night that doesn't break the bank.

You don't have to be Irish to join... ...in the fun at parades and dinners. Kids: color stuff in!

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## Your Eye Upon a Leprechaun!

**Ireland:**

- lost millions of people in the 1800s (who died or moved) due to \_\_\_\_\_, or lack of food.
- is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- has beautiful green lands - its nickname is the \_\_\_\_\_ Isle.

**Irish Setters and Connemara Ponies** are famous animals of Ireland. The Irish elk, now extinct, was a giant deer with huge antlers.

I have traveled to Ireland to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! I came here to swim around the Emerald Isle to try to spot a leprechaun. I haven't seen one yet. Do you see one on this page? After you spot him read my clues to fill in the mini puzzles.

**St. Patrick's Day is celebrated:**

- with big meals of corned beef and \_\_\_\_\_.
- by people wearing something \_\_\_\_\_.
- with marching bands and floats in \_\_\_\_\_.

**St. Patrick:**

- is the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.
- at the age of 16 was taken to Ireland as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- is said to have driven all of the \_\_\_\_\_ out of Ireland.

I'm going to eat my share of corned beef and cabbage!

parades green cabbage

Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?

Old Irish folklore and stories tell us that the leprechaun has a pot o' gold hidden. It is said to be almost impossible to find a leprechaun as he does not care for human company. If you do spot one, make sure that you keep an eye on the leprechaun while you trick him into showing you his treasure. If you do not, he'll disappear!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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**Traveling the Island**

Ireland is a beautiful, green island in the North Atlantic Ocean. Great Britain is to its east, separated by the Irish Sea and two channels. It is a land of low mountains and a central plain. The climate is fairly mild. There are some well-known landmarks and special places in Ireland.

**Match the names of places that you might visit in Ireland to their definitions:**

1. Blarney Castle	A. it is said that if you dare to kiss this rock you will get the "gift of gab"
2. Blarney Stone	B. capital of Ireland and largest city
3. Ring of Kerry	C. tallest and largest church in Ireland
4. Dublin	D. fort built, and mostly due to war, destroyed and rebuilt over the years
5. Giant's Causeway (Northern Ireland)	E. 111 mile road, circles around the coastal area of southwestern Ireland
6. St. Patrick's Cathedral	F. over 4,000 basalt columns formed here after a volcanic explosion 60 million years ago

Every good gardener knows that a shamrock is a plant that has leaves with three small leaflets. Every good leprechaun grows and takes care of his own patch of this green symbol of Ireland. But, this leprechaun has a special "green thumb."

**Connect the dots to see what treasure he keeps on the top of his pot o' gold.**

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 20, 2018 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Roll call was answered by Frank, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sichel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:10 a.m. with County Attorney, Doug Merz to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to close the executive session at 9:15 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed with the County Attorney the survey that was presented to the Board per an agreement of the easement line on the Courthouse square for the electrical line that was installed last year by the City of Falls City. ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Sichel to open the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the County's One & Six Year Road Plan at 9:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Craig Schmit, representative from Speece-Lewis Engineers was also present for the hearing. One other person from the public was present but no comments were made.

Motion was made by Sichel to close the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Motion was made by Frank to approve the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented during the hearing. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR SURPLUS USED STEEL BEAMS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sichel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the sale of surplus used steel beams. Bids were received from the following: Koelzer Salvage and Steve Johansen.

Motion was made by Davidson to accept both bids for consideration. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bids further, motion was made by Davidson to award the bid for the sale of the 12 different sized steel beams for \$10,754.00 to Steve Johansen. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr. Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

Motion was made by Davidson to appoint Julie Vollmer as the contact authorized representative for FEMA Disaster 4225. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2017-2018-26 to authorize the Chairman to sign and to approve the program agreement with the NE Dept. of Transportation for the county bridge match program. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 28)

EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator presented to the Board the annual report of the Cooperative Extension Service Office in Richardson County.

SHERIFF POUNDS

Sheriff Pounds updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week.

Sheriff Pounds reported that the food service for the inmates with CBM has been notified that Richardson County will discontinue their services effective April 7, 2018. Food service for the inmates will be provided by the Law Enforcement Center staff.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

The Board requested that the department officials meet with them to review the plans for Courthouse security. An update on plans to make one public entrance for the Courthouse was reviewed with the group. The South entrance is being proposed for this with some improvements to the Courthouse grounds with sidewalks from the east and west entrance doors to make access easier to the south entrance. The plans for the installation of the security cameras was again reviewed with the group.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Agreement with OPPD Motion was made by Sichel to approve an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way on 707 Road west of 647 Blvd. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 27) Cancel Check

Motion was made by Frank to adopt Resolution 2017-2018-26 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 26)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Adv. Correctional Health Care, Armbruster Motor Co., Blue360 Media, etc.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Diversified Drug Testing, Farm & City Supply, Martin-Marietta Materials, etc.

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND..\$5,024.75 JUVENILE SERVICES LB640 FUND Blue Valley Behavioral Health, serv....4021.87 TOTAL JUV. SERV. LB640 FUND..\$4,021.87 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 27, 2018 - CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Roll call was answered by Frank, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

SHERIFF POUNDS

Sheriff Pounds updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr. Highway Superintendent was unable to meet with the Board due to a training seminar.

QUARTERLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared that a quarterly safety committee be opened. Those present were Commissioners Frank, Davidson and Sichel; Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance; Sheriff Pounds and Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance.

Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance reported no problems. Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance reported that progress is being made with the installation of security cameras.

Sheriff Pounds recommended that an "active shooter" training be held with the Courthouse employees. The Board agreed that this needed to be done and one will be scheduled.

Chairman Sichel declared the meeting closed at 10:23 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2018.

MONA GODEMANN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer requested to meet with the Board regarding personnel. She informed the Board that the assistant is leaving employment with Richardson County. She has put out the advertisement to hire a replacement.

She also updated the Board on the activities going on within the Veterans Service Office. A request was also made to consider the hiring of a part-time employee to assist with the transportation of veterans to medical appointments at the VA Hospitals in Lincoln and Omaha. The Board did not make a decision on this matter but will continue to consider the request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sichel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:18 a.m. to review a general assistance claim, #5439. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sichel to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting agenda at 11:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Agreement with Dennis and Della Meyer Motion was made by Sichel to approve and enter into an agreement with Dennis and Della Meyer to install an underground water line under county road 704 located in S1, T1, R15. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 29) Advertise for EMA Vehicle

Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the advertisement to accept sealed bids for a new 2018 or current production year ¾ ton pickup for the Emergency Management Agency to be received by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Aetna, Alarmlink USA, A1 Security Cameras, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, etc.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Midwest Farmers Coop, OPPD, Rockmount Research & Alloys, etc.

INSTITUTIONS FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Nebraska Health & Human Services, TOTAL JUV. DIVERSION FUND, etc.

JUVENILE SERVICES LB640 FUNDS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Osbourne, Laura, reimb, TOTAL JUV. SERV. LB640 FUNDS, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

Fischer announces staff local office hours for Richardson, Pawnee and Johnson Counties

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) announced today that her staff will be holding local office hours in Richardson, Pawnee, and Johnson counties on Monday, March 26, 2018. These office hours serve as a convenient opportunity for constituents to meet personally with Senator Fischer's staff to receive help with casework and other issues at the federal level.

Sarah Skinner, Senator Fischer's constituent services and outreach representative, will be holding local office hours at the following times and locations on Monday, Mar. 26:

- Richardson County - at Falls City EDGE/Falls City Chamber & Main Street in the conference room, 1705 Stone Street, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; Pawnee County - at Pawnee City Public Library in the meeting room, 735 8th Street, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Johnson County - at Tecumseh Public Library in the meeting room, 170 Branch Street, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Accidents

A residential garage was damaged Mar. 9, after owner John Picton of Falls City mistakenly pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake pedal while pulling his 2017 Dodge Ram into the garage. According to an accident report provided by the Falls City Police Department, damage to the garage is estimated to cost \$5,000 and damage to the vehicle is estimated to cost \$1,200. No citation was issued to the driver, and he sustained no injuries.

Law enforcement cracks down St. Patrick's Day weekend

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – This St. Patrick's Day weekend, make sure your luck doesn't run out by planning ahead for a sober ride home should you choose to take part in the celebration. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety reminds motorists of the various options available to get everyone home safe. Designating a sober driver, calling a cab or using public transportation are just a few of those options.

Preliminary 2017 data indicates that 185 people were killed and 592 seriously injured in crashes involving at least one substance-impaired driver. Fifty-one of those drivers were under the age of 21. Missouri's Zero Tolerance Law states that drivers under 21 years old caught with even a trace of alcohol in their system will have their licenses suspended.

Besides driving completely sober, motorists are advised to put their cell phones down while driving and always buckle up – everyone, every trip,

every time. Buckle Up, Phone Down. "We encourage all drivers to make smart choices so that everyone gets home safe." said MoDOT Highway Safety Director Bill Whitfield.

To learn more, visit the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety website at savemolives.com, or follow us on social media at Save MO Lives. Drive sober or get pulled over.

Narcotics Anonymous logo with text: Monday's at 8:00 p.m. First Brethren -1902 Lane St. TURN THE PAGE

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA DONNA KEIM, AS SURVIVING SPOUSE AND HEIR AT LAW TO WILL S. KEIM III, DECEASED, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST OF JEROME B. KEIM and MARY A. KEIM; CHRISTA SCHMEDER; SAMANTHA ARNST; JEFFERSON KEIM; HANNAH KEIM; JIM MIELOSZYK; SYLVIA TONNESLAN; ZOE BURKETT; JERRY MIELOSZYK; CAROLE G. KEIM; RAMONA HUGHEN; MILES BURGER; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, real names unknown; THE HEIRS, DEVISEES AND CLAIMANTS TO THE ESTATES OF PAUL F. KEIM, JEROME B. KEIM AND MARY A. KEIM; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED AS: THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4; THAT PART OF LOT 5 OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER NORTH OF THE MAIN DRAINAGE DITCH OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ALL IN RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, CONTAINING 272 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,**

**Defendants,**  
**Case No.: CI 17-184**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Claimants to the Estates of Paul F. Keim, Jerome B. Keim and Mary A. Keim; John Doe; and Jane Doe, real name or names unknown, named as Defendants in the above captioned action; and any and all persons who have, or who claim or appear to have some interest in, right or title to or lien upon the following described improvements to real estate, to-wit:

The east half of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4; that part of Lot 5 of the southeast quarter north of the main drainage ditch of Drainage District No. 1 of Richardson County, Nebraska, Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6th principal meridian, all in Richardson County, Nebraska, containing 272 acres, more or less.

Defendants, you and each of you, are hereby notified that on or about December 12, 2018, Plaintiff filed its Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Case No. CI 17-184, against each of you and others, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a Tax Sales Certificate.

You, and each of you, are required to answer said Complaint on or before the 13th day of April, 2018.

**DONNA KEIM, AS SURVIVING SPOUSE AND HEIR AT LAW TO WILL S. KEIM III, DECEASED, Plaintiff**

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28-7-14

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY NEBRASKA State Bank of Table Rock Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**Phillip Doerr Defendant**  
**Case No. CI 17-141**

By virtue of property seized under order of Execution issued by the Richardson County District Court on behalf of State Bank of Table Rock dated November 9, 2017; I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on the 24th day of March 2018 at 9:00am starting at the intersection of 11th and Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County Nebraska and after the conclusion of sale of items at this location the sale will be moved to 222 Nims Street, Humboldt, Richardson County Nebraska where the sale of below listed seized personal property will be concluded.

1969 Ford 600 Orange bucket truck SN: F61CKF32194426  
1988 Chev C650 C7D042 diesel with dump box SN: IGBJ7D1G3JV100959  
H&H tandem axle dually flatbed  
Goose neck trailer SN: 49595-3  
2003 H&H trailer 53C9HW  
Link Belt excavator 2700 C series  
P&H crane Model 440TC with +- 120 foot boom, class 12-220  
John Deere strong box battery  
Assorted hand tools  
Aluminum extension ladder  
Pipe threader  
Husqvarna 136 chainsaw  
3/4" drive ratchet  
1" drive sockets  
4 1/2" Chicago hand grinder  
Super start power pack  
10' tandem axle trailer SN: 4RGRB1023S000402  
500 gallon fuel tank  
Chains  
3 - 2 wheel dollies  
International 520 Payloader  
21 approx 27' wooden trusses  
30 2'x4' light fixtures  
Pallet jack  
Engine lift / cherry picker  
4 drawer filing cabinet  
8 bags concrete mix  
2 10.00 x 8 tires on rims  
Pallet 2" green webbing  
New 36" prehung steel dr  
Fan motors  
Electrical fixtures  
3-4'x8'sheets 3/16" metal  
New trailer tire on rim  
8" insulated garage door with track  
New tub surround in box  
Shop vac  
3-2' deep metal shelving units  
2-2'x12'x6" metal shelving units  
Generac GP325 generator  
8' aluminum step ladder  
12" metal cut off saw  
Approx 100 gallon fuel tank  
Plastic parts rack w/ copper/brass  
New damaged 400 amp breaker box  
Skid steer forks  
2 propane tanks 20#  
Tandem axle 16' equipment trailer  
Pickup snow plow blade  
Panel gates  
Several trailer loads of various metals  
Other various items  
To partially satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff, State Bank of Table Rock, together with the costs of the action and expense of this sale. The purchaser shall pay the accepted bid of each item in cash to the clerk at the time of the sale. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of property.

BY: Don Pounds #919  
Sheriff, Richardson County  
28-7-14-21

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is currently accepting Sealed Bids for a General Contractor for a Housing Rehabilitation project located in White Cloud, Kansas. Sealed Bids will be received until 4:00 pm April 6, 2018. To obtain a copy of the full bid packet, contact Bradley Campbell, Executive Director at 785-595-3380.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust filed on March 29, 2016, in Book 265, Page 161, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 19th day of April, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The property is legally described as follows:

LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 68, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: February 26, 2018

O. William VonSeggern, #14341  
Attorney for Frontier Bank  
Trustee and Beneficiary

7-14-21-28-4

**NOTICE TO AUTO DEALERS**

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids, for the purchase of one new 2018 3/4 ton pickup. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID FOR EMA PICKUP" and must be received at the Office of the County Clerk by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Board of Commissioners at their regular scheduled meeting.

Bidding specifications are available at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE 68355 or on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Richardson County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

David SICKEL  
Richardson County  
Board of Commissioners  
Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk

7-14

**NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of James V. Magueffor, Sr., Deceased.**

**Case No. PR17-63**  
Notice is hereby given that on February 14, 2018, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Brian Daake, whose address is 2213 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was formally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled intestate Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 30, 2018 or be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman  
County Judge

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28-7-14

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing one director for Drainage District No. 7 of Richardson County, Nebraska for a term of five years will be held on April 10, 2018 at the Office of the County Clerk in the Courthouse at Falls City, Nebraska. Polls will be open on said date from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The director whose term is currently expiring is Stephen Johansen. Any person or the officer or representative of any corporation owning or controlling any land assessed for benefits may be a director.

The legal voters in said District shall have one vote for each unit of benefit apportioned against the land owned by the voter.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2018  
Paul H. Benitz, Resident  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 of Richardson County, Nebraska

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS MARCH 5, 2018**

Sealed bids for the construction of the Bare Steel Gas Main Replacement Project will be received by Utility Safety & Design, Inc., 28847 US Highway 136, Unionville, Missouri 63565, until 2:00 pm local time on April 2, 2018, at which time the Bids received will be privately opened and tabulated.

The project consists of the installation of approximately 3,900 lineal feet of 6" gas main and 550 lineal feet of 4" gas main. The project also includes relocating one district regulator station, replacement of one district regulator station and all other associated work as indicated on the drawings and within the specifications. The bidder shall include in the bid all material and labor costs associated with the project, excluding the material costs for the items listed in the project plans and specifications, which will be purchased by the City and provided to the Contractor for installation.

A pre-bid conference will be held on March 14th at 11:00 a.m. Meeting will be at the Falls City Utility Department, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to the Falls City Utility Department, as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance. The envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows:

Utility Safety & Design, Inc.  
c/o Anthony Everette  
Proposal For: Bare Steel Gas Main Replacement  
Falls City, Nebraska 2018  
Bids Received: April 2, 2018  
2:00 pm Local Time  
28847 US Highway 136  
Unionville, Missouri 63565

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Utility Safety & Design, Inc., 28847 US Highway 136, Unionville, Missouri 63565. Questions should be directed to Anthony W. Everette, Professional Engineer at 660-947-3316. Bidding Documents also may be examined at:  
• Utility Safety & Design, Inc., 28847 US Highway 136, Unionville, Missouri 63565  
• Falls City Utility Department, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355

A complete set of electronic plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from USDI by emailing averette@usdi.us for a fee of \$20.00 (non-refundable).

A complete set of printed plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from the Issuing Office for a non-refundable charge of \$50.00. Unsuccessful bidders are requested to return the plans and specifications.

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Issued: March 9, 2018

AHRS Construction, Inc. of Bern, Kansas, Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR), on behalf of the City of Humboldt of Humboldt, Nebraska, the Owner, will receive sealed bids on the following project.

Project: Humboldt Auditorium Renovation - Phase 1, 618 Third Street, Humboldt, NE 68376

Project Scope: Phase 1 of a 16,380 square foot historical auditorium renovation which includes: new restroom facilities, new secondary exit, and many upgrades for code compliance. Restoration work of the remainder of the interior spaces and finishes is outside of the scope of this project phase.

Bid Opening Site: Humboldt City Hall, 330 East Square, Humboldt, NE 68376

Date of Bid: Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 at 2 pm\*\*\* If bids are submitted to AHRS (with the appointment of agent), they need to be received at least 1 hr prior to the bid time

Type of Contracts: Lump Sum Contracts for each Bid Package

Owner: City of Humboldt, 445 6th Street, Humboldt, NE 68376

Construction Manager AHRS Construction, Inc.  
At Risk: Eric Stallbaumer, Project Manager  
533 Railroad Street, Bern, KS 66408, Phone: (785) 336-6118, Fax: (785) 336-3744, E-mail: erics@ahrs-inc.com

SITE VISITS: The Contractors are encouraged to visit the site to inspect the existing conditions. No allowances shall be made to the contractor for negligence for not visiting the site.

PROCUREMENT OF BID DOCUMENTS: A full listing of Bid Packages and/or full sets of drawings and specifications will be available after Friday, March 9th, 2018.

The plans and specifications will be available for viewing and ordering at the A&D Technical Supply online plan room at https://adtechplans.com; registration is required. Viewing of plans is available at no charge. Plan rooms may request downloads at no cost. Parties wanting to download that are not plan rooms may pay \$35.00 to A&D Technical Supply for the download.

Full sets of printed plans and specifications will also be available from A&D Technical Supply. A \$150.00 refundable check issued to AHRS Construction, Inc. and provided to A&D Technical Supply is required to obtain plans. In addition, a separate non-refundable fee of \$35.00 issued to A&D Technical Supply per set of documents is required to cover shipping and handling costs, if the plans are to be shipped to the bidder's location. The entire refundable deposit will be refunded to bona fide bidders upon the return of the documents, in good condition, to A&D Technical Supply or AHRS Construction, Inc. within ten (10) days of the bid opening. Plan rooms may obtain full sets of plans and specifications from A&D Technical Supply at no cost; these must be returned to AHRS Construction following the bid date.

Plans and specifications will also be available for viewing by contacting the office the Construction Manager, AHRS Construction, Inc., 533 Railroad Street, Bern, Kansas 66408. Contact: Carol Farwell, Phone: (785) 336-6118; Fax: (785) 336-3744, e-mail: carolf@ahrs-inc.com.

Contract documents will be on file and may be viewed at the following.

TreanorHL, 719 SW Van Buren Street, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 66603, Phone: (785) 235-0012, vkellej@treanorhl.com

A & D Technical Supply, 4320 South 89th Street, Omaha, NE 68127, www.adtechplans.com, raechel@adtechsupply.com; Phone (800) 228-2753; Phone: (855) 780-7977

Lincoln Builder's Bureau, 5910 S. 58th Street, Suite C, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516  
Phone: (402) 421-8332; Fax: (402) 421-8334  
www.buildersbureau.com builders@cornhusker.net.

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**Village of Salem**

The Village of Salem is requesting bids for the 2018 mowing season. Bidders are asked to bid per mowing and must provide their own equipment. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on April 3, 2018.

Bidders must include proof of insurance with bid.

Bids may be sent to: The Village of Salem, PO Box 297, Falls City, NE 68355 or present at the Village Board meeting on April 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Glathar  
Village of Salem

**Board of Equalization**

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FEBRUARY 27, 2018 CALL TO ORDER**

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman SICKEL at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Davidson and SICKEL; County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Young; and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman SICKEL announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Courthouse in the Lower Level Lobby, 1st Floor Lobby and on the Meeting Room door on the 2nd floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

**MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION**

Motion was made by SICKEL to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption application on a 2013 Ford van for Sacred Heart School. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by SICKEL to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

David D. SICKEL, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**City Council**

**Falls City Council Agenda City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone (402) 245- 2707 March 19, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mayor's Report.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes Approval March 5, 2018.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Police Report Approval.
4. Treasurer Report Approval.
5. Consent Agenda.

Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Action - Request for 2 handicapped parking stalls on the south side of the Richardson County Court House and designate 2 parking stalls on the north side for law enforcement at the request of the Richardson County Commissioners.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Action - Request for favorable comment on a Special Designated Liquor License for a school fundraiser on November 10, 2018 at Prichard Auditorium by Eric Froeschl dba The Would Eye (See Attachment).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Gary Jorn, City Clerk

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**BUILDING PERMITS**

Stamar, LLC, 2601 Harlan St.; replace siding and remodel interior, \$15,000.

Campbell/Sanders, 2111 Barada St.; basement repair, \$13,319.00.

Luis Salazar, 1518 Stone St.; demo of fire debris, \$4,000.

Paul Sells, 923 Reavis; replace water heater, \$750.00.

Casey's General Store, 1221 Harlan St.; storage building, \$2,500.00.

Jason and Janessa Counce, 1615 Crook St.; deck remodel for handicap accessible, \$1,800.00.

Milam's Inc., 1412 Valley Ave.; water heater, \$500.00.

Fresh Place LLC, 1817 Stone St.; Interior wall, \$1,000.00.

Jonesbrook Estates, 1010 East 21st St.; additional and remodel of maintenance shop, \$50,000.00.

Celeste Jones, 2214 Lane St.; interior remodel, siding, windows, garage, \$50,000.

Michelle Bice, 1108 Lane St.; enclose porch, \$100.00.

Shirley Schuetz, 1814 Lane St.; furnace, \$1,800.00.

Wyatt Martin, 2316 Abbott St.; sewer line replace, \$1,000.00.

Bob Walsh, 828 East 16th St.; water heater, \$750.00.

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 EEOC/AAP 7-10

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 Bern, KS 66408  
  
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**Notice**  
**TEMPORARY LABORERS JOB OPENING**  
 Applications will be received at the City Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 P.M., March 27, 2018, for the positions of Temporary Laborers for the City of Falls City, Falls City, Nebraska. The individuals hired will be scheduled to work the months of May 2018 through August 2018. Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The applications, job descriptions and qualifications for the positions are at the City Office. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 8-e-10

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The new inductees include L to R: Brynna Bruxellas, Alexis Sutton, Kade Bredemeier, Trey McAfee, Josephine Crofford, Jacob Joy, Erin Brewer, Braden Kobza, Clohe Thompson, Cade Schawang, MaKayla Nagenagast, Zach Beaver, Hailey Buchner, Brett Foster, and Brody Bindle



Officers L to R: Dylan Sutton, Rylee Scholl, Meredith Poppe, Austin Babb, Noah Milam

## New members inducted into National Honor Society

On Tuesday, March 7th, 15 new members were inducted into the Falls City Chapter of the National Honor Society. The program began with an introduction and history of National Honor Society led by the principal and National Honor Society sponsor, Mr. Gale Dunkhas.

The four qualities embraced by the National Honor Society are Scholarship, Leadership,

Character, and Service. The four qualities were described by the current National Honor Society officers. 2018 officers are Dylan Sutton; president, Noah Milam; vice-president, Rylee Scholl; secretary, and Austin Babb and Meredith Poppe co-treasurers.

The induction pledge was then recited and certificates were distributed. The ceremony was closed with a few

words from Mr. Gale Dunkhas, principal/sponsor.

The new inductees include: Brynna Bruxellas, Alexis Sutton, Kade Bredemeier, Trey McAfee, Josephine Crofford, Jacob Joy, Erin Brewer, Braden Kobza, Clohe Thompson, Cade Schawang, MaKayla Nagenagast, Zach Beaver, Hailey Buchner, Brett Foster, and Brody Bindle.

**HOURS:**  
**MONDAY:**  
 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
**TUESDAY:**  
 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
**THURSDAY:**  
 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY:**  
 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY - CLOSED**

**“HOME RECITAL”**  
 March 3, 1951

While the young virtuoso executes her recital, we'll whisper the news that the older gentleman on the couch is George Falter, father of Artist John Falter. Although a proprietor of two clothing stores, he does not knowingly sit with his coat flung open like that, publicizing his suit label. His son, striving earnestly for realism, painstakingly painted the label so that it was clearly readable. But alas! The label had to be painstakingly rendered unreadable, on the theory that ads should go on other pages. Regarding those people in the picture who seem to think that the musical child should be seen and not heard, wouldn't it be interesting if someday they had to pay three dollars a head to hear her in Carnegie Hall?

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# FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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### Academic Specialization

College Dual-Credit Courses  
 SENCAP Career Academies  
 Early Childhood Education  
 Speech and Language Therapy  
 Blind/Visually Impaired

Lifeskills/Transition  
 FCCLA  
 FBLA  
 FFA

### District School Improvement Goal

All Falls City Public School students will increase their achievement in English Language Arts.

### Student Academic Achievement

In order to provide a NeSA and ACT summary as it relates to the Falls City Public Schools, the key points from the 2017 NeSA and ACT includes: The mathematics test results show 80% of FCPS students are meeting or exceeding the state mathematics standards, compared to 77% in 2016. Eighty percent of FCPS students are meeting or exceeding the state science standards as compared to 76% in 2016. FCPS ACT Average Scale Scores exceed the state average in all core areas assessed.

**2017 Nebraska State Assessments: District 56 NeSA and ACT Proficiency**

SUBJECT	2015	2016	2017
Mathematics 3-8	72%	77%	80%
Science 5 & 8	76%	76%	80%
Eng. Lang. Arts 3-8	**	**	47%
ACT Average Scale Scores	*	*	ELA 19.2 Mathematics 19.7 Science 20.9

\* Beginning in 2017, 11th grade was tested via the ACT. The 2017 statewide percentages above include only students in grades 3-8.  
 \*\* 2016-2017 is the first year that the English Language Arts exam was administered

**Pictured: Students with outstanding assessment scores in 2017.**

### District Profile

320 Square Miles  
 5 School Buildings  
 875 Students  
 165 Employees  
 6 Board Members  
 Educating children birth-21 years of age

### Board of Education

Richard Malcolm—President  
 June Bowers—Vice Pres.  
 Scott Hollens  
 John Martin  
 Ed Harris  
 Kevin Scheitel  
 Supt.—Tim Heckenlively

### District 56 Transportation

Falls City Public School District 56 transported 290 students on eight rural routes for 89,120 total miles. An additional 42,961 miles were traveled to school sponsored activities.

### Teachers and Employee of the Year

Lori Rech, Dianna Kottich, Kim Oliver

### Amount of scholarships the Class of 2017 FCPS graduates earned:

**\$1,440,850**

### State and Federal Funding Grants

FCPS received \$841,887 in federal and state grants during the 2016-2017 school

### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

FCPS was awarded a Fresh Fruits and Vegetable grant which served fresh fruits and vegetables to students in grades K-8. Students enjoyed a healthy snack three days a week.

### Profile of District 56 Faculty

Degree Status: Master's - 48%  
 Average Years of Teaching Experience: 18 years of experience

### Financial Receipts

Federal 5%, County/ESU 1%, State 18%, Local Sources 76%

### Financial Expenditures

Board & Admin. 9%, Business Services 1%, Maintenance & Operation 8%, Transportation 5%, Instruction 77%

### District 56 Property Valuation Information

2012	\$629,890,794
2013	\$702,860,155
2014	\$813,272,521
2015	\$903,300,843
2016	\$926,835,865
2017	\$930,264,130

### Financial Information

Fund Levies	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
General	0.953	0.950	0.974	0.950
Special Building	0.037	0.032	0.017	0.048
Bond	0.077	0.067	0.060	0.054
QCPU	0.032	0.026	0.023	0.022
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>1.099</b>	<b>1.075</b>	<b>1.074</b>	<b>1.074</b>

Falls City Public Schools inspire our students to become innovative, resourceful, resilient, and responsible citizens.  
 FCPS thanks the District 56 patrons for supporting our school district.